THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (e) No direct evidence of involvement of friendship clubs in prostitution racket has come to the notice of Delhi Police. However, the police personnel deployed in Districts and Crime Branch have been directed to keep a close watch on the activities of such clubs and take appropriate legal action of any instance of violation of law comes to their notice.

Swindling of Central Funds by Extremist Organisation

1143. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that extremists organisations in the country like naxalites in Bihar and Andhra Pradesh and ULFA and others in North-East are forcibly swindling Central funds meant for rural development and poverty alleviation, that are released to these States;

(b) whether Government have any contingency steps in anvil to prevent these extremist elements from forcible loot of development funds in the rural areas; and

(c) what has been the response of the State Governments towards this meance particularly the State of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) There are no confirmed reports to this effect, except in the case of North-Eastern States where some instances of collection of funds from persons engaged in development works have come to notice.

(b) and (c) Government has been regularly sensitizing all State Government and concerned agencies regarding the activities of terrorists/extremists. Intelligence is shared on continuous basis and support is provided by way of financial assistance for modernisation of State Police Forces, deployment of Central Para Military Forces, reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure as per approved guidelines etc. State Governments are reviewing the situation from time to time for appropriate action.